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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Frank C. Carlucci  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Programs (U)

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 8 June 1981 informing me of changes in DoD's personnel security programs. (U)

2. I am concerned that the actions you describe--particularly elimination of any investigation prior to granting SECRET clearances, reduction in the scope of TOP SECRET investigations and the moratorium on periodic reinvestigations--will erode, not enhance security. (C)

3. A considerable volume of intelligence collected by Community members is shared with the DoD at the SECRET level. All of this intelligence will be potentially accessible by thousands of persons of whom we will know very little. Awareness of this could create resistance to further decompartmentation and may foster reluctance on the part of allies to share intelligence with us. (C)

4. The Security Committee is reviewing DCID 1/14 which establishes personnel security criteria for access to sensitive compartmented information. I invite your representatives to participate fully in their deliberations. (C)

5. I would be pleased to support and join with you in efforts to restore necessary resources for an adequate DoD investigative capability. I believe actions to maintain a sound personnel security program are essential and am happy to add my support for positive measures to protect intelligence sources and methods rather than accept unilateral reduction in the DoD personnel security program. (C)

6. In view of the importance of this DoD action, I intend to place it on the agenda of an NFIB meeting in the near future. (U)

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